

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

Man Phan

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 09/02/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. This communication is in response to applicant's amendment filed September 02, 2004 in the application of Bass et al. for the "network Processor/Software Control Architecture" filed 04/07/2000. The proposed amendment has been entered and made of record.

Applicant's remark with regard to the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) are persuasive. The Declaration under 37 CFR.1.132 filed 09/02/2004 in support of the Applicant's statement of common ownership, and in support against the cited prior art has been recorded. Furthermore, the subject matter of both Allen, Jr. et al. (US#6,404,752) and the present application was owned by, and/or subject to an obligation of assignment to International Business Machines Corporation.

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed as evident by applicant's amendment.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a control system for a network processing system which includes a plurality of network processors and at least one control point unit, and wherein each control point unit is directly connected to a different network processor, each of the network processors having at least three pico processors, one of which is a guided cell handler, one of which is a guided table handler, and the rest of which are general data handlers; a control information path between each control point unit and the guided cell handler on the network processor connected directly thereto and between the guided cell handler of each network

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processor, and a data path between each control point unit and the general data handler on the network processor connected directly thereto and between the general data handler on each of the network processors, whereby control information can be transferred and controlled independently of the data, as specifically recited in claims.

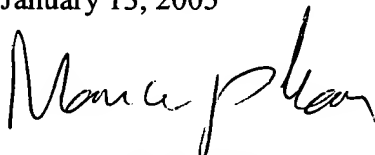
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Man U. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-3149. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 6:00AM - 3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

Man Phan
January 13, 2005



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